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For: APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURING NANO-CARBON AND METHOD OF
MANUFACTURING NANO-CARBON

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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1. IIJIMA, et al., "Nano-aggregates of single-walled graphitic carbon nano-horns", Chemical Physics Letters 309, August 13 1999, pp. 165-170, previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement filed February 15, 2006.
2. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open Publication No. 56-145135, published November 11, 1981, along with English language abstract.

3. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open Publication No. 2000-249540, published September 14, 2000, previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement filed February 15, 2006.

4. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open Publication No. 60-194066, published October 2, 1985, along with English language abstract.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the references indicated as previously submitted.

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